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Safety and health of the workers

† 2669. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Labour Institutes set up in the country are capable to cater the needs of the safety and health of the workers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) The Central Labour Institute under the Directorate General of Factory Advice Service & Labour Institutes (DGFASLI) has been established to provide support in the areas of Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) to all establishments defined under the Factories Act, 1948. The authority to implement the laws governing OSH lies with the State Governments and individual employers. However, the OSH needs in the major ports of the country are the responsibility of Central Government and this is being carried out satisfactorily by the DGFASLI.

(b) One Central Labour Institute at Mumbai and four Regional Labour Institutes at Kolkata, Kanpur, Chennai and Faridabad are presently functioning in the country. They only provides support services by way of conducting training, seminar, workshop, safety audits, surveys and studies in the area of occupational safety and health.

Unemployment ratio

† 2670. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether unemployment ratio has shown a downward trend during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details of the existing number of educated unemployed persons and the year-wise number of the same during the last five years;

(c) the names of the States having maximum number of educated unemployed persons;

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